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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASUNCION 1761

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PERP, AR, PA  
SUBJ: EXTRADITION REQUEST OF EX-PERONIST, JOSE MARIA VILLONE

REF: ASUNCION 1610

1. LOCAL PRESS HAVE CONTINUED CARRYING STORIES ON THE EXTRADITION CASE

OF JOSE MARIA VILLONE, THE FORMER PRESS SECRETARY OF DEPOSED ARGENTINE

PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON WHO HAS BEEN IN ASUNCION  
SEVERAL WEEKS. THE ARGENTINES, AS PREDICTED, SENT AN EXTRADITION RE-  
QUEST TO THE PARAGUAYAN SUPREME COURT UNDER AN 1977 TREATY. THE REQUEST

WAS MADE UNDER ARTICLE 4, SUB 9, WHICH CONTEMPLATES THE EXTRADITION  
OF CITIZENS OF EITHER COUNTRY ACCUSED OF SWINDLING AND MISAPPROPRIATION

OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

2. RELIABLE SENIOR GOP SOURCES HAVE TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT VILLONE  
HAS NOTHING TO FEAR, BUT THAT THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS TO  
MOLLIFY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. AS ONE SENIOR GOP OFFICIAL PUT IT,  
"EXTRADITING VILLONE WOULD SET A VERY BAD PRECEDENT. AFTER ALL, WHAT  
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GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL IN LATIN AMERICA IS FREE OF SIMILAR  
ACCUSATIONS?"

3. IT APPEARS THAT THE GOP WILL LET THE CASE GO THROUGH  
LEGAL CHANNELS WHICH WILL THEN TURN DOWN THE REQUEST BASED  
ON LEGAL RATHER THAN THE "REAL" POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS.  
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